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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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USSR-UN: Prior to the announcement that Khrushchev would head the Soviet delegation to the UN General Assembly, Deputy Minister Kuznetsov on three separate occasions attempted to persuade Hammarskjold to issue invitations to President Eisenhower, Macmillan, and De Gaulle, as well as Khrushchev. Khrushchev has also written to Nehru urging him to attend. These overtures probably reflect Khrushchev's desire to use his UN appearance to underscore his commitment to a policy of coexistence and high-level talks with free-world leaders, particularly on disarmament.

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Iran: [The demonstration by Iranian nationalist students in Tehran on 1 September was easily broken up by police. Army units had also been alerted to be ready to move against the demonstrators if necessary,]

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[Meanwhile,] Meanwhile,
newly "elected" members of parliament are resigning to clear the way for another round of elections, following the Shah's order. Opposition elements reportedly are elated by the prospects of new elections.]

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Malagasy Republic: Parliamentary elections in the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar) on 4 September will be the first important test of strength between President Tsiranana's pro-Western coalition government and the Congress party for the Independence of Madagascar (AKFM), an extreme nationalist party dominated by militant Communists. Although tribal rivalry and the republic's attainment last June of independence within the French Community should benefit the moderate parties, the AKFM appears to have attracted wide support since its strong showing in municipal elections last fall. The AKFM is well organized and reportedly has been receiving substantial financial support from the French Community Communist party and the Sino-Soviet bloc.]

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III. THE WEST

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 Peru-Cuba: Peru is considering breaking relations with Cuba. President Prado, under pressure from the Peruvian military, has agreed in principle to this move when the time is propitious and particularly if other Latin American countries take similar action. Guatemala and Nicaragua broke relations with Cuba earlier this year. Colombia, which is incensed by a recent vitriolic outburst by the Cuban ambassador in Bogota, will *no*

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Cuba-Communist China. In the most vindictive attack on the United States of his career, Fidel Castro defiantly announced on 2 September Cuba's intention to establish diplomatic relations with the Peiping regime. In a speech billed as the answer of the "Cuban people" to the OAS warning against accepting Sino-Soviet bloc support, Castro cut off his country from the inter-American system and from the Western alliance. A staged rally of some 300,000 Cubans gave its endorsement to Castro's acceptance of Chinese, as well as Soviet, military aid "if we are attacked."

Communist China, which has devoted a considerable propaganda effort to Latin America in recent years, has achieved a major diplomatic breakthrough in securing its first diplomatic recognition in the Western Hemisphere. Cuba, with a Chinese community of about 30,000--the largest in Latin America--will be a particularly valuable base for the Chinese Communists in spreading their influence in Latin America.

Castro's announcement follows by four days the signing of a joint statement by Cuba and North Korea in which they agreed to exchange ambassadors "as soon as possible." Cuba will be the first non-bloc country to establish diplomatic relations with Pyongyang. [redacted]

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Peru is considering breaking relations with Cuba, apparently to recoup some of the prestige it lost through Foreign Minister Porras' actions at the seventh meeting of foreign ministers in San Jose. After Peru had initiated the meeting, Porras failed to take the lead in promoting the resolution against extracontinental intervention in the hemisphere, defied his government's instructions, and finally refused to sign. President Prado, under pressure from the Peruvian military, has agreed to this move when the time is propitious, and particularly if other Latin American countries take similar action. Guatemala and Nicaragua broke relations with Cuba earlier this year. Colombia, which is incensed by a recent outburst by the Cuban ambassador in Bogota, will at least declare him persona non grata. Venezuelan President Betancourt, who has become increasingly hostile toward Castro and concerned by the threat of pro-Castro violence to his regime, also seems to be approaching a break.

Prado is reluctant to force the resignation of Porras, a friend of the leftist but non-Communist APRA party, for fear of alienating the APRA's general backing of his administration. The cabinet unanimously censured his actions at San Jose, and the military representatives are insisting on his ouster.

APRA, a bitter enemy of the Peruvian military and conservative elements, has tended to sympathize with the objectives of the Cuban revolution; a dissident and militant wing of the party is strongly pro-Castro. However, Ramiro Priale, APRA's top leader in Peru, who advised Prado that the party would accede to a break of relations with Cuba, has informed the US Embassy in Lima that it will not withdraw its support of Prado in the event Porras resigns--presumably voluntarily.

Porras' position at San Jose was similar to that of Venezuelan Foreign Minister Arcaya, a stanch supporter of Castro, who refused to sign the final resolution of the meeting which was approved by his government. This development has caused considerable tension in Venezuela, where pro-Castro groups are strong, and could threaten President Betancourt's three-party coalition.

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